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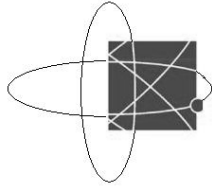
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- Nov 21-23—Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov 28—CHS Late Start
- Nov 30—Fall Social at the Salt Palace
- Dec 7—Midterm
- Dec 8—Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
- Dec 8—ACT Test
- Dec 21-Jan 02—Winter Recess

## University of Utah Tour Reveals Reality of College

Sam Rivera

For many high school students, college is an abstraction, something you only really discover when you show up on that first day with schedule and map in hand, nervous about tackling fifteen hours and a multi-acre campus. The University of Utah, AMES partner, has endeavored to make college a little less of a mystery by offering an extensive, four-hour tour of their campus for AMES juniors and seniors.

The first tour, in early October, was comprised of two buses of students. Among those students was Evelin Damian, one of the seniors here at AMES. Upon arriving at the union building

students were divided into two groups. Evelin's group was directed to a conference room within the union building, where a recruiter explained the facts of: applying for enrollment, scholarships, and programs offered by the U. Afterward all students were taken to the engineering building where they listened to professors' talk about the science majors offered at the U. The actual campus tour followed. Evelin's tour group was led by a university sophomore who suggested

they take the U shuttle instead of walking because he was feeling a little lethargic. The group went to the hyper highway first, which is a very busy sidewalk at the U. The next stop was the Marriott Library. The first thing Evelin says she noticed was that the library was silent. The students were also surprised by how quiet sections of the union building were. A number of college students were studying there and didn't hesitate to let anyone making



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## AMES Students Explore D.C. and other Acronyms

Ludmila Nicolia

The National Consortium of Specialized Secondary Schools for Math, Science, and Technology (otherwise known as NCSSSMST) held its annual student conference in Washington D.C. (otherwise known as the District of Columbia) this year at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (or, TJHSST). Four students from AMES, Ahrash Pour-said, Sarah Niitsuma, Daniel Blakemore, and Ludmila Nicolia

attended along with AMES chemistry teacher, Ashley Budd.

The week was full of activities. Students attended George Mason University (GMU) to attend a lecture about the future of science. TJHSST hosted a great international talent show to showcase the diversity of their school followed by the traditional t-shirt exchange. The next day there were workshops at GMU and TJHSST. Buses then departed for Washington D.C. where par-

ticipants attend a presentation on climate change and the subsequent pizza party. The following day was devoted to lectures on the Cold War and a tour of the CIA museum. Students had time later that day to play tourist in Washington D.C. The conference ended with a cruise aboard the "Cherry Blossom" where students had dinner and a party.

The conference was educational and fun and each student received lab coats and goggles which they willingly wore around D.C. The lab coats were so stylish. They were also worn around AMES upon the student's return.



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# AMES NEWS

## NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW STUDENT COUNCIL

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noise know they were being disruptive. The only noise in that part of the building was from a blender in a distant café. Perhaps one of seriousness with which students at the University of Utah take their education. The library and, to a large extent, the Student Union, were filled with students silently studying.

After touring the library, the group was taken to President's Circle, where the tour guide explained the story of the stolen statue of Brigham Young. The *Bookstore* was next in line for the group. There, some of the basic necessities of college life can be found, including: Ipods, Nintendo Wiis, and Xbox 360's which are essential to life on campus, and then there are those miscellaneous items such as textbooks and food. After the *Bookstore*, the tour group was taken back to the Union Building, where they ate lunch. Evelin had a burrito which was "massive." There was a vast variety of food in the student union building. It's a big improvement over the standard high school cafeteria. The tour ended at 2:10.

Another tour, primarily for juniors, was held on Friday, November 9th.



### Sarah Butler

At the beginning of each year, many students apply to be on the AMES student council, but only a select few make it. Each student that applies has to fill out an application and submit a resume. They all have an equal chance.

Unlike most schools, it is not a popularity contest: the teachers discuss who they believe should be on the council to represent AMES. Some students believe that teachers should not decide who is on student council and that it *should* be similar to how it was in junior high. An anonymous student stated that teachers should trim down the applicants to a certain number of students, and that the rest of the student body should vote on who represents them.

This year, the students that were chosen to be put onto student council are: McKinsey Lewis, Veronic Phanthavong, Sarah Nitsuma, Cesia Dominguez, Mariah Brockman, Jonathan Brubaker, Marley Clayton, Bethany Cam, Austin Leatham, Yana Mkrtychyan, Samuel Rivera, Kimberly Nguyen, Riley Oliphant, Jewel Peterson, Fehi Fakailoatunga, Ben Chavez, Courtney Lane, Deirdre Yazzie, Johnathan Peterson, Nicole Widmer, James Hadden, Laura Leon, Jordan Brockman, Gabie Ferreira, Katie Christilaw, Kenan Karalic, Gavin Clark, and Latai Lao.

Each Wednesday, the selected students meet during lunch with student council advisor, Ms. Pehrson, to discuss new activities and, issues that are going on in the school. So far, they have decided the date and theme of the upcoming dance. (Robot Rock, Friday, November 30th at the Salt Palace.) If you're interested in requesting specific music for

ested in requesting music for the dance please contact student council through their website: amesstudentcouncil@gmail.com, or see Ms. Pehrson. Tickets are available in Ms. Pehrson's room. They are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. If you bring a can of food you will receive a one dollar discount. Student PTSO members also receive a \$1 discount.



*Robots Rock!!!*

For those of you who have yet to attend an AMES dance, please keep in mind that our dances are actually fun. You don't need a date, and honestly, you don't even need a dance partner since most of the dancing is carried out in large groups.

Student council has also planned a food drive for the Utah Food Bank. Student can bring items to Ms. Pehrson's room. The Utah Food Bank needs:

- Peanut butter
- Milk (canned & powdered)
- Canned meats
- Boxed dinners (Macaroni & Cheese, Rice-a-Roni, etc.)
- Canned soup, stew, chili & beans
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Boxed hot & cold cereals
- Baby food, formula, & diapers
- Personal care items – **must be new/unopened**- toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.

The three advisories that donate the most items will receive breakfast. A lot of Utahns are hungry during the holidays. Please contribute to help those individuals and families who would otherwise go hungry.

## AMES WELCOMES NEW MATH TEACHERS

### Dominique Ambler

Lisa Jasumback is one of our new math teachers here at AMES. She has been a teacher for 24 years now. Before teaching, she received both her masters and undergraduate degrees at the University of Utah.

Mrs. Jasumback went into teaching because she wanted to get out college and get a job. Now she is glad she made the decision. Other than AMES she has taught at Riverview Junior High, and Murray High. She has also worked in the Curriculum Department in Davis School District. Her first job was working as a clerk

in the emergency room on the graveyard shift.

Mrs. Jasumback has numerous hobbies. She enjoys gardening, xeriscaping, reading, and sudoku.

Joel Miller is the other new math teacher here at AMES. He graduated from Westminster College.

Mr. Miller became interested in teaching because of an early experience in the field. At first he wanted to become an elementary

teacher but instead became a secondary math teacher because he enjoys math.

He likes his job all lot. He enjoys teaching because he thinks it is interesting how people change from 9 to 12 and how he can relate to our age. He has worked previously at Kamehameha School in Honolulu and East High school.

If he wasn't a teacher the other profession he would have been a rock star. The hobbies he enjoys include playing guitar and telemark skiing.



## It's College Fair Season! Let the Future Begin

### Sarah Butler

It was different for us to walk through the doors and amongst the crowd at this year's Juan Diego college fair, because we are AMES students. We actually have the desire to be there. Our parents didn't drag us and, as AMES Language Arts and Senior Project teacher, Laurie Hadden pointed out, we weren't offered extra credit like some other high school students.



than any other high school.

And yet, when I went into the building, the first people I saw there were from AMES. Most likely, there was a higher percentage of our student body there

Our students walked from stand to stand, inquiring about colleges, and I was amazed to see how mature they all seemed. How much aspiration they had to grow and lengthen their learning. AMES isn't about anything but the desire for something different and something better. The college fair allowed us to glimpse the future and come to terms with how quickly we'll be college students.

## SCIENCE DAY AT U OF U

### Sam Rivera

Science Day at the University of Utah is a great opportunity to meet new people and explore the various fields of science.

The check-in line in the Union Building was long, but ultimately the wait was worth it. After obtaining our information packets we were directed to the union ballroom where we were welcomed by the keynote speaker Raymond F. Gesteland. Student were then directed to their academic advice session. Biology, chemistry, math, physics, geology, metallurgical engineering, and mining engineering were all pre-

sent. After our very interesting advice sessions and lunch students were directed to the workshops. My first workshop was quantum mechanics; our presenter had a very clear presentation on what quantum mechanics is and how they were important to the world of chemistry.

My second workshop was high performance computing. This workshop was very interesting and gave me the perception on how technology helps chemists visualize the composition of elements in 3D.

The next step on the trip was the physics building for the last workshop of "Physics in Action". Physics in action was probably the best workshop of all. During this

workshop our presenter did many cool experiments leaving the audience mesmerized.

After the conclusion of our last workshop we met back at the union ballroom for the closing ceremony. During the ceremony there were prizes given out, Jackson Farnsworth won one of three \$500 scholarships to attend the "U". AMES also won first place for having the most students there with a total 62. We had three times the amount of any other school.

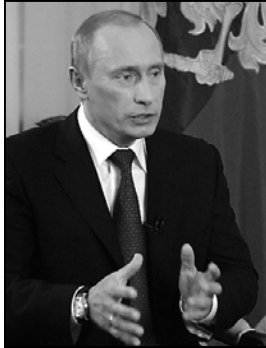
I would highly recommend anyone that wants to attend to go because it is an experience that one should not pass.

# National and International News

## Putin Asserts Will, Builds Bomb

Justin Ray Yerbery

16 years after the cold war essentially ended, Russian President Vladimir Putin wishes Russia to again become the counterweight to American military power. Putin first did this by having Russian scientist create the DOAD or the 'Daddy of all Bombs', the largest non-nuclear arsenal bomb in the world. The DOAD counters our MOAB, or Mother of all Bombs.'



*Vladimir Putin*

Putin also wishes to recreate Russia's military strength to what it was before the Soviet Union fell apart. This will involve more

then doubling the size of his army and trying to stabilize the Russian economy, which has recently been performing better due to Russia's large oil industry. Russia, for the time being, has been outperforming Saudi Arabia in oil production.

Russia now stands as the second strongest nation in terms of military size with a standing army of 1,520,000 people seconded only by China and followed closely by America at 1,366,000, then India at 1,303,000.

Russia would also have to repair its missile strength. According to Natural Resource Defense Council the Soviet Union had 35,000 nuclear arsenals in 1991 down from its 1986 peak of 45,000. How-

ever, under the START treaty Russia was forced to reduce its strategic arsenal size to a mere 7,000, so to compromise they have created the DOAD. This is a non nuclear bomb. It has also been called the vacuum bomb. It is equivalent to around 44 tons of TNT, whereas the US's MOAB is only about the equivalent of 11 tons of TNT.

To further rebuild Russian military power, Putin must first try to take control over what he already has. The Russian province, Chechnya, has constantly tried to secede, which led to a series of skirmishes that could have led to a civil war.

Another event that strongly suggests a Russian trek back to dictatorship is Putin's dissolving parliament earlier this year. He now has the right to choose his successor and to make laws as he pleases.

## Holiday Pet Travel Can Quickly Turn Tragic

Kenan Karalic

The holidays are just around the corner and many people will have plans to visit friends and family, often traveling out of state. Companion animals are such a big part of our lives that it is sometimes tempting to take them along with us. But if your trip involves air travel, it's best not to include your pet in your flight plans.

Animals and planes don't mix, so always think of what's in the best interests of your 'best friend.' If your buddy is up for an adventure with you, take a road trip. If your furry friend is better off being left behind, find someone responsible to take care of him or her while you're away. Although flying is the fastest and least stressful way for you to go, it is one of the most frightening and confusing experiences for your pet. It is never a good idea to

fly your pet, particularly if the airline does not allow animals in the cabin with you. Companion animals and cargo holds are a dangerous combination. Most cargo compartments are kept unventilated in order to help prevent fires. Cargo holds generally have no heat or air conditioning, and they can reach extreme temperatures quickly. Sometimes cats and dogs are roughly handled and even escape from carriers that have been damaged in transit. Animals can become easily lost inside airplanes or airplane hangars.

When Delta Airlines treated her dog like "lost luggage", Barbara Listenik decided to do something to make all airlines accountable for their negligence toward animals. Several years ago Listenik flew to New York City with her dog, Boris, who rode in the cargo hold. When the plane landed at LaGuardia, Boris bolted from his crate, which had been broken during the flight, and ran along the tarmac. Breaking free from the

terminal he disappeared into a busy Queens neighborhood. "I walked up to a broken, bloody crate, and they told me to fill out a baggage claim form. Listenik recalls. "It wasn't until six weeks later that Boris was found behind an abandoned tire shop two miles from the airport. Filthy and 15 pounds lighter, he was bruised and suffering from a blunt trauma that took four surgeries to repair. Outraged by her experience, Listenik lobbied Congress to pass a law requiring airlines to report airline casualties. According to helpinganimals.com, due to the Safe Air Travel for Animals Act, which went in to effect in the summer of '05, "airlines must now report how many animals are lost or injured on their flights." So far 28 deaths, 22 injuries and 6 losses of transported pets have been reported.

When the holidays or vacation time comes, consider leaving your pet at home for their safety and your sanity.

# Entertainment



## Big A\*\* Show Kicks A\*\*

Dominique Ambler

It's raining it's pouring *I Hate Kate* is Snoring. October 6th was the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the X-96 sponsored BASH. This year the show was moved to the Salt Palace because of the weather. When it started to rain, security let the crowd into the building about an hour before the concert started.

Inside the Salt Palace were three stages. There were two main stages for the headlining performances and a local stage for the bands that won Battle of the Bands could go and perform.

The line up wasn't too bad. One of the bands that had planned to play was *I Hate Kate*, but they got sick so they cancelled their spot and gave it to *Madina Lake*. Hope they feel better.

There were some amazing performances by some great bands. *Schoolyard Heroes* were impressive because Ryan, their lead singer, can sing operatic. She would just go so high that the only thing you could hear would be her voice and the guitar screeching at the end of the song. The only words to describe their performance was eerie, enchanting, and haunting. Oh, they also brought a real, human femur on stage.

*Madina Lake* was a great band to see there. Nathan, the lead singer of *Madina Lake*, got everyone to start moving when he said he would give everyone in the crowd a high



Matthew Leone of 'Madina Lake' hopes you enjoyed the show.

five. So naturally everyone pushed themselves to the front to touch him. Those in the back would be picked up and moved to front. Afterward security guards would guide you to the back of the crowd. It was amazing how crazy the mosh pit got. Everyone was pushing and shoving to get in front. All the energy on stage seemed to reach everyone else because it got crazy in there. During their performance they got everyone to do what they commanded such as jump up and down during one of their songs. They are definitely energetic performers.

Two other bands I was impressed with were *Sum 41* and *Social Distortion*. They put all lot of energy and enthusiasm into their performance. It was

fun to watch them perform live. They have huge followings so it was amazing to see people sing to the songs they performed. Both bands are definitely great to see live.

At the Graywhale booth you could buy the bands CDs. If you bought one of the bands CD you got a VIP pass to meet them and be the first one to get an autograph. The bands that signed were *Victim Effect*, *Jimmy Eat World*, *Starting Line*, *Madina Lake*, *The Used*, *Sum 41*, and *Schoolyard Heroes*. The two biggest lines were for *The Used* and *Sum*

*41*. If you were not in the VIP section there was a possibility you wouldn't get an autograph from the band especially when *The Used* and *Sum 41*. Those people didn't get a chance to meet them.

There were a number of booths where you could sign in support of animal rights, or learn about the dangers of smoking. Some of the booths sold clothes and other merchandise. The merchandise booth had stuff from the main performers which is awesome if you want to get a t-shirt or something to remember the concert.

If you want to know the line-up, here it is:

1. Victim Effect
2. Schoolyard Heroes
3. I Hate Kate (cancelled)
4. Madina Lake
5. Starting Line
6. Cold War Kids
7. Sum 41
8. Jimmy Eat World
9. Social Distortion
10. The Used

This was a great concert. It was a bunch of fun to see local bands play and watch some really great bands perform live. It is a great way to enjoy yourself by listening to your favorite bands or just even check out some new artists or local bands. Hopefully next year it won't rain so we can enjoy the performances outside instead of indoors.

## You've seen the Movie, Now Read the Book

Sam Rivera

The book, *I, Robot*, (Bantam, Spectra Books, 2003) hardly relates to the movie. It is one of the better books I've read and the style with which Asimov writes is the utmost best. This book is science fiction, and science fiction lovers will fall into this book from the first word to the last. Asimov's words will lead them on a trail to the unexpected. Everyone that reads this book will enjoy it and the ideas given will impact their lives.

In *I, Robot*, Asimov writes about the development of the robot through a series of associated stories: from its origins in the present to its ultimate perfection in the not so distant future, a future in which humanity itself may be rendered obsolete. In this book are the stories of robots gone mad, of mind-reading robots, and robots with a sense of humor. These many stories told with the dramatic blend of science fact and science fiction will ultimately lead to the



remembrance of Asimov and his writing. This book is great and will continue to expand the ideas of robots among humans, that there is an inevitable conflict that occurs when both humans and technology struggle for domination.

*I, Robot* will continue to stand among other grand books of science fiction and as one of the strongest base to the follow up trilogy. I strongly recommend this book to anyone interested in science fiction.

# AMES ENTERTAINMENT



## What's Worth Watching?

Kristin West and Maria Saavedra

The fall television season is underway. Until the networks start cancelling series in a few weeks to air cheaper reality television shows, you might actually enjoy a few of the new offerings.

*Chuck* is a really funny comedy. It's about this guy who works at a computer store within a store, called the Nerd Herd. One of his old friends sends him an e-mail which has secret information in it. When he opens it, the secret info is downloaded into his brain. Now the government is after him, trying to make sure he isn't killed by some one wanting the secret information. Tune in to channel 5 or NBC at 7.

Speaking of nerds in peculiar situations, in *Reaper* the main character has had the misfortune to have had his soul sold to the devil by his parents. He now must work for Satan, returning escaped souls to hell. And you thought your job was bad.

*Pushing Daisies* is one of those shows people either love or hate. It's quirky and odd. The main character has the ability to bring people back to life with a single touch. Unfortunately, if he touches them again they immediately die. The fact that he brought his girlfriend back to life provides an interesting twist.

## Random Survey

Cesia Dominquez

We asked AMES students what was hiding under their beds. Their responses:

Eric Partner: a toolbox, CDs and a trumpet

Jordan Brockman: monsters

Dayna Shelby: a Swiss and a German exchange student

Matt Walker: Mutated gerbils

Shalom Khokher: Tupac

Cheyenne Olsen: the Boogey Man

Casey Hutto: Godzilla

Cheyenne Carpentier: Everything under the sun

Daniel Thirsk: Boxes with shoes in them

Justin Yerbury: Weights and papers

## What's on Your iPod?

Dominique Ambler

This month we asked AMES math teacher Joel Miller what's on his iPod. The most common genre on his iPod was Rock. Some of the bands included:

Blink 182      Cake  
Green Day      Dispatch

Dashboard Confessionals

Kevmoe      Prince  
Ray Charles      Tool  
Nine Inch Nails  
Soundgarden  
Violent Femmes  
Executioners

## Funnel Vision

Rachel Howery

### Funnel Cakes

Have you ever gotten this treat while you were at the fair? Turns out they are really simple to make yourself. Give this a try.

2 eggs

1 1/2 cup milk

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

2 cups vegetable oil

1/4 cup confectioner's sugar

1. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt.
2. In a large mixing bowl stir together the eggs and milk. Add flour mixture and beat until smooth. The consistency should be thin enough to run through a small kitchen funnel. Test it, and if it's too thick beat in a little more milk. If it's too thin, add a bit more flour.
3. In an eight inch skillet, heat oil to 360 degrees.
4. Put your finger over the bottom opening of the funnel and fill with a generous 1/2 cup of batter. Hold the funnel close to the surface of the oil and release batter into the oil while making circular motion. Fry until golden brown. Use tongs and wide spatula to turn the cake over. Fry on second side for 1 minute. Drain on paper towel and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

# Opinion

## Freedom of Mythology?

Alex Grim

In a recent visit to my local Barnes & Noble bookstore, I wandered to the "Religion" section. I noticed the texts there were entirely Judeo-Christian. Nearby, on a wall, there were a couple of book analyzing and discussing Buddhist, Muslim and Hindu texts. The texts themselves were found in the "Mythology and Folklore" section.

This is in no way right. Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam are world religions with millions of followers on every continent. The scriptures of

Hinduism aren't that different from those of the Bible. So why is it that the Bible is in the Religion section while the Mahabharata is filed under Mythology and Folklore? It just shows what kind of intolerant Judeo-Christian society we live in.

Despite our freedom of religion, our society still tends to criticize, demonize and demean other's beliefs. As a predominately Christian nation, Americans often tend to not only obsessively stand-up for Christian beliefs and ideals, but to also attempt to impose them on other cultures. Sometimes our ef-

forts are blatant; but sometimes, like in the case of Barnes & Noble, they're more subtle. To classify other



world religions as "mythology" belittles those who possess beliefs different from the American

norm. Just imagine how you'd feel seeing your belief-system reduced to "folklore." Classifying a world religion as mythology shows how unpleasant our free country can be for those who are different.

## The Death of a Film Club Man

Alex Grim

This year, the Utah legislature, in their *infinite wisdom*, passed a law requiring all students wanting to have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian before they can participate in any extra-curricular activities. This decision from the legislature stems from concerns about statewide GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) which promotes understanding and cooperation between

gay and straight students. Apparently there are a number of parents who don't want their child in a club promoting acceptance. Doesn't this crush our natural rights? Don't we have the right to believe and say what we feel?

This legislation is hurting other clubs as well. The once popular AMES film club had its usual meetings in the beginning of the year, but as only one slip was signed, film club was dis-

banded.

For film club fans, however, hope remains. The original founders and a few tenacious members united to form a production company which will produce and continue to make films. Unfortunately, this doesn't change the fact that a school club has died over a bigoted law. It just doesn't seem right.

## Students Need Balanced Lives, Physical Education

Bryan Leano

At AMES, the faculty pushes the students to strive to achieve and prepare for college and the world around us. It's a great goal which the University of Utah helps us achieve by providing their excellent teachers. However, I believe that AMES does not support the students in balancing their life mentally and physically.

In a country where 65% of the adults are overweight and obese, it can be easy to forget how to stay healthy. To get Physical Fitness credits (1.5 credits needed to graduate) at AMES, you can sign up for Lifetime Fitness and exaggerate or simply lie about how many hours you've spent exercising. This does not help the rising rates of American obesity. We have the opportunity to play for Cotton-

wood sports, but only a handful of students take that opportunity. It would be great to see our teachers be supportive. There are some teachers, like Mr. Kessinger, who take their time (like co-curricular) to mix exercising with fun. AMES should not only enlighten their students, but also contribute to our physical well-being.

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**AMES QUOTES and NOTES**

-Congratulations Breanne Anderson on the scholarship to Pacific University.

-Congratulations National Merit Semi-Finalists Laurel Hales and Andrew Cobb.

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**Satire: How Safer Are Our Schools?**

**Laurel Hales**

We live in a time of increasing violence. As students and teachers who spend at least eight hours in the same place, it is our responsibility to make sure that schools are safe. Are the safe school laws strong enough? I argue that they are not.

Every day in school students use lethal weapons. The most obvious is, of course, a pair of scissors. I mean, it is illegal to bring one knife to school, but if you attach it to another and add a couple of handles you have a perfectly safe item that isn't harmful to anyone.

Then you have pencils. They might seem perfectly safe until you notice the sharp, pointy end. That end can be extremely dangerous. I know a kid that had to go to the hospital due to the fact that his pencil went all the way through his hand.

If one looks in the fine arts classes, the prospect becomes even more frightening. For instance, look at the instruments they use in music classes. What could be more frightening than a cello? You have 20 pounds of wood with a sharp metal stick

on one end. Then add in a 40 pound case big enough to hide a body. Let's continue to the woodwind section. You have a group of 20 kids holding an assortment of metal pipes. Both band and orchestra are fully prepared for a riot. Next, we go to the art classes where students routinely use freshly sharpened knives.



*Deadly Weapons*

In the sciences, students routinely study weapons. In biology students learn the proper use of scalpels. Chemistry students examine

the uses of electron guns. Have you ever heard of chemical weapons? Well guess what you need to know to make them...you guessed it: Chemistry. In physics students study the way the gauss rifles work.

In fact, one of the worst weapons would be the one that is used in every class. A textbook can cause severe damage to the skull or any other body part.

I argue that every student in today's schools has access to weapons. The only way to guarantee safe schools is to implement the use of strait jackets.

